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CONTRAST ENHANCING AGENTS**

Examiner : Marjorie A. Moran

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir or Madam:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following:

1. Amendment and Reply; and
2. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR §1.136(a).

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY**BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT**
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2002, please amend the subject patent application as follows:

In The Claims:

Cancel claim 18.

Amend claim 17 as follows:

17. (Five times amended) A method for identifying optical contrast enhancing agents useful for enhancing the sensitivity of optical detection of a biological material comprising: